

REMARKS

In the Office Action issued November 10, 2008, the title was objected to as being non-descriptive. Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Application No. 2004/0226031 to Zimmerman et al. (Zimmerman) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,732,179 to Brown et al. ("Brown") and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,560,005 to Hoover et al. ("Hoover"). Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria and Hoover and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,088,694 to Burns et al. (Burns). Claims 1, 5 and 8 have been amended and claims 2 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 3-8 are now pending in this application.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 1, 2, 4-5, and 7-9, is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Brown and Hoover. In particular, the present invention, for example, according to claim 1, requires writing source code that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application.

Zimmermann discloses the use of a dynamic library with an installed application program. A static library allows a Dynamic library to be located, stored, and used by the application. The application can use the library to perform certain features of the application, but can function properly without the library. See Zimmerman paragraph 7. The library disclosed in Zimmerman, on the other hand, is a collection of subprograms used that can be used by the application to have access to specific features of the application. This allows code and data to be shared and changed in a modular fashion. Zimmerman fails to disclose, as acknowledged by the Examiner, "writing source code that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data

handling application” and that “the first self-contained data handling, application and the second, previously installed, self contained data handling, application are operable to execute without each other.”

The Examiner states on page 4 of the Office Action that brown teaches “writing source code that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application.” The Examiner uses the description of an access control list to meet this limitation. However, the Examiner is incorrect. Brown expressly states that the access control list is a bit-map that is provided within a header of a message. It cannot be said the bits stored in a message is the equivalent to source code, which consists of the programming statements. Brown does not cure the deficiencies of Zimmerman. Thus, Brown fails to disclose that source code is written that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application.

Hoover does not cure the deficiencies of Zimmerman and Brown. Hoover merely discloses the use of a process called the “interface open server” that is provided to bridge the processes of a customer database and a remote database. See Hoover, col. 10, lines 17-23. The interface server operates to transform the heterogeneous data models of the customer database into homogeneous data models at the remote database (i.e., making the data models used by the customer database the same as the data models used by the remote database). See Hoover, col. 10, lines 23-27. There is no disclosure in Hoover that source code is written that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application.

Thus, the present invention, according to claim 1, and according to claims 5 and 8, which are similar to claim 1, and according to claims 2, 4, and 7, which depend therefrom, is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Brown and Hoover.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 3 and 6 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Brown and Hoover further in view of Burns because Burns does not cure the deficiencies of Zimmerman, Brown and Hoover. Thus, the present invention, according to claims 3 and 6 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Brown, Hoover and Burns.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Additional Fees:

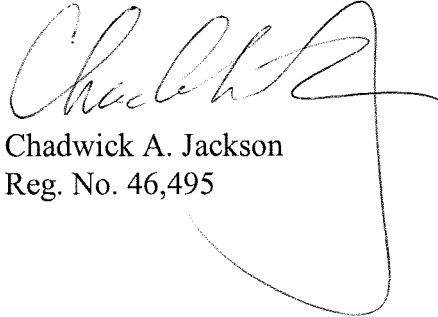
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any over payment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4545 (5231-064-US01).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further

communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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